Help to Sri Lanka to fight LTTE

49. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the veracity of the media report suggesting that Government of Sri Lanka had pleaded in vain with Indian Government for providing material help which they required to launch military assault against the terrorist outfit of the LTTE;

(b) the items and volume of material help/supplies sought for by Sri Lankan Government over last five years *vis-a-vis* those provided to them;

(c) whether it is a fact that, in absence of positive response of India, Sri Lankan authorities approached and obtained abundant help from Pakistan and China; and

(d) the rationale behind not extending the help needed by a democratic Government in our neighbourhood?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) The report is inaccurate.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Killing of LTTE Chief

50. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Sri Lanka informed Government of India that V. Prabhakaran, Chief of LTTE and his son have been killed in an encounter with Sri Lankan army and that LTTE agitation has come to an end;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken up this issue of safety and welfare of Tamils in Sri Lanka;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) and (b) In a telephonic conversation on 18th May, 2009, Sri Lankan President, H.E. Mahinda Rajapaksa informed then External Affairs Minister Shri Pranab Mukherjee that the LTTE leader Velupillai Prabhakaran was dead and armed resistance by LTTE had come to an end.

(c) to (e) The Government has emphasized to the Sri Lankan Government that it must focus on the issues of relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of the internally displaced Tamil population. The National Security Advisor Shri M.K. Narayanan and Foreign Secretary Shri Shivshankar Menon visited Colombo on May 20-21, 2009. The Sri Lankan Government conveyed